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DID SEE BIG SCHOOLS.

Prominent Seining Skippers Corroborate Times Reports.

Wild Body of Fish on Georges No Myth.

Some people who either haven't taken the trouble to look into the matter or who think their "on shore" judgment better than that of up-to-date practical men who know what that they have seen, have of late been trying in a half-serious, half serio-comic style, to throw discredit and practically deny the statements of Capt. Thaddeus Morgan of sch. Constellation and Capt. Obadiah Nickerson of sch. Titania, Capt. Norman Ross of sch. Richard Wainwright, Capt. William Price of sch. Manomet and Capt. Wesley Farmer of sch. Rival as to the large schools of mackerel seen by them recently on Georges and which were so wild it was almost impossible to stop any.

Particular attention is called to the very precise reports of the two first named skippers, as previously published in the TIMES. It is nothing new to those who are willing to believe men who go seining, that for several years our seiners have been often fooled for days by the wariness of the big mackerel schools on Georges. Everybody knows this and there can be no reasonable argument on the matter.

Well-informed people are willing to take Capt. Nickerson's word for what he saw himself and when a man of the standing of Capt. Thaddeus Morgan of sch. Constellation says that he saw more mackerel on the southwest part of Georges last Saturday than he has seen any day this whole year and that the great schools could be seen from the deck without going aloft to pick them out, it is liable to be more quickly and generally accepted as the truth, than all the contradictory remarks made by a person or persons ashore.

Capt. Norman Ross of sch. Richard Wainwright, a well known and respectable master mariner, who has recently come from Georges with a fare of mackerel, and who was probably the first to strike these fish on Georges, has no hesitation in saying that one day recently on Georges, in about the same locality indicated by Capt. Morgan and Nickerson, he saw more mackerel than he ever saw before in any one day in all his fishing experience. It might be stated in closing that Capt. Morgan, Ross and Nickerson are ready to tell their story to any interested persons and are willing to vouch for the truth of the same.

Good Stocks.

Sch. Columbia, Capt. William Larkin, stocked \$7064 on her recent salt bank trip, the crew sharing \$233.

Sch. Patriot, Capt. William Slade, stocked \$1698.40 on her recent halibut trip, the crew sharing \$55.45.

Bank Cod Sales.

The fare of sch. Lawrence A. Munroe sold to Cunningham & Thompson, that of sch. Harry A. Nickerson to Fred L. Davis and that of sch. Hiram Lowell to Reed & Gamage, all at \$3.25 per hundred weight for large and \$2.62 1-2 for medium.

Good Stock.

Sch. Emma E. Witherell, Capt. William Wharton, stocked \$7504 on her recent salt bank trip, the crew sharing \$222.95. This is the second best stock and share made this season by a firm banker.

GRAND BANK NEWS.

Big Portuguese Bankers Are Doing Poorly.

Bothered Because of No Squid on the Bank.

Capt. George Nelson of sch. Hiran Lowell reports seeing several of the dory handliners at the Virgin Rocks. They had been getting but few fish. On the last baiting, the Lowell as well as other bankers found cod rather scarce on the Grand Bank.

Capt. Nelson spoke several of the big Portuguese bankers and they had done almost nothing. They were greatly hampered by lack of bait, and there was no squid on the bank. He came by one big vessel one morning just as they were about to put out the dories. They all began to talk to Capt. Nelson at once and he could not understand what they were talking excepting that now and then he could make out the words, "no squid no fish."

Capt. Nelson says the caplin acted very queerly this year, especially around Miquelon, and were of a much poorer run than usual. Recently he was four days getting four dory loads and poor bait at that.

Although fish are just at present scarce on the Grand Bank, Capt. Nelson believes the American bankers will get second trips, providing they get bait. Thus far no squid have been struck on the bank.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. James S. Steele, Georges, 73 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Paragon, via Boston, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Anglo Saxon, Grand Bank, 8000 lbs. cod, 30,000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. J. E. Garland, Rips, 45,000 lbs. cod.

Sch. Parthia, Grand Bank, 260,000 lbs. cod.

Sch. Lawrence A. Munroe, Grand Bank, 240,000 lbs. cod.

Sch. Helen F. Whitten, Cape Broyle, N. F., 160,000 lbs. cod.

Sch. W. H. Moody, Georges, 40,000 lbs. cod.

Sch. Eleazar Boynton, Georges, 5000 lbs. cod.

Sch. Quickstep, Cape Shore, 95,000 lbs. fresh cod and cusk.

Boston.

Sch. Galatea, 8000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Fish Hawk, 61 swordfish.

Mackerel Notes.

Sch. Saxonia, which arrived at Boston yesterday, had 533 barrels of Irish mackerel. Mackerel were reported yesterday at Liverpool, N. S., Alberton, P. E. I. and Meat Cove, C. B.

The New England salt mackerel catch thus far this season is about 18,000 barrels.

Mackerel are taking the hook at the Magdalen Islands.

The fare of sch. Rival sold for \$17.50 per barrel for rimmed and \$17 per barrel for plain.

Bait at Provincetown.

Squid are still plenty at Provincetown.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. Robert Porper of sch. Anglo Saxon reports speaking schs. Gladiator and Arbitrator on Grand Banks.

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GOOD HAULS OF MACKEREL.

Made Off No Man's Land Saturday Afternoon.

THREE FINE FARES ARRIVE.

New Sch. Avalon Gets Big and Quick Maiden Trip.

The long drought of mackerel news was broken this morning by a gentle shower of good reports from Newport and Boston.

At Newport yesterday the new sch. Avalon, Capt. Charles Maguire, arrived with a grand fare, 300 barrels of fresh mackerel, taken Saturday afternoon about 2 o'clock, 40 miles south-east of No Man's Land.

The Avalon is a new vessel and only sailed from this port on Wednesday, Capt. Maguire having but recently returned from the Newport hospital, where he had been ill with measles. This is her maiden trip and it certainly is a magnificent christening. Capt. Maguire is to be congratulated on his success in securing such a fine trip so quickly.

Sch. Lewis H. Giles, Capt. Roy Kimball, also arrived at Newport in company with the Avalon and had 110 barrels of fresh mackerel. Her fish were taken in the same locality. Capt. Kimball reported that about 10 sail were on the fish. There seemed to be quite a number of schools, but they were very wild. The fish seemed to be a new run, as they were of different character from others caught this season and would go about 200 count to a salted barrel. The fares ran about three quarter medium.

Both the Avalon and Lewis H. Giles are owned by Orlando Merchant.

At Boston this forenoon, from about the same place that the Avalon and Lewis H. Giles got their fares, is the sch. Harry G. French, Capt. Rufus McKay, with a splendid fare of 20,000 fresh mackerel in count and 100 barrels of salt mackerel. Capt. McKay reports that he got his salt mackerel on Friday. On Saturday he set around a school which surely contained 1000 barrels, but all he was able to same were the 20,000 fresh fish he brought in. As he had to come home anyway to put a new mainmast in his vessel, he banded her for Boston for market. He reports that sch. Smuggler got a haul of 100 or 150 barrels, which Capt. Cook salted.

Steamer F. S. Willard, Boston Bay, 75 bbls. porgies.

At Boston today from Nova Scotia are 500 barrels of fresh mackerel. 12 cents apiece are being asked.

Yacht Notes.

The new 25 footer Sally VIII. was at Rockport yesterday.

Steam yacht Isis was here yesterday.

Ex-Commodore Jacoby of the American Yacht Club of Newburyport was at Annisquam in his yacht yesterday.

Made Hauls of Squid.

Sch. New England took 65 barrels of squid in Provincetown harbor on Friday and two other vessels took 100 barrels each.

Western Halibut.

Four carloads of Pacific halibut are due at Boston today.